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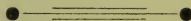
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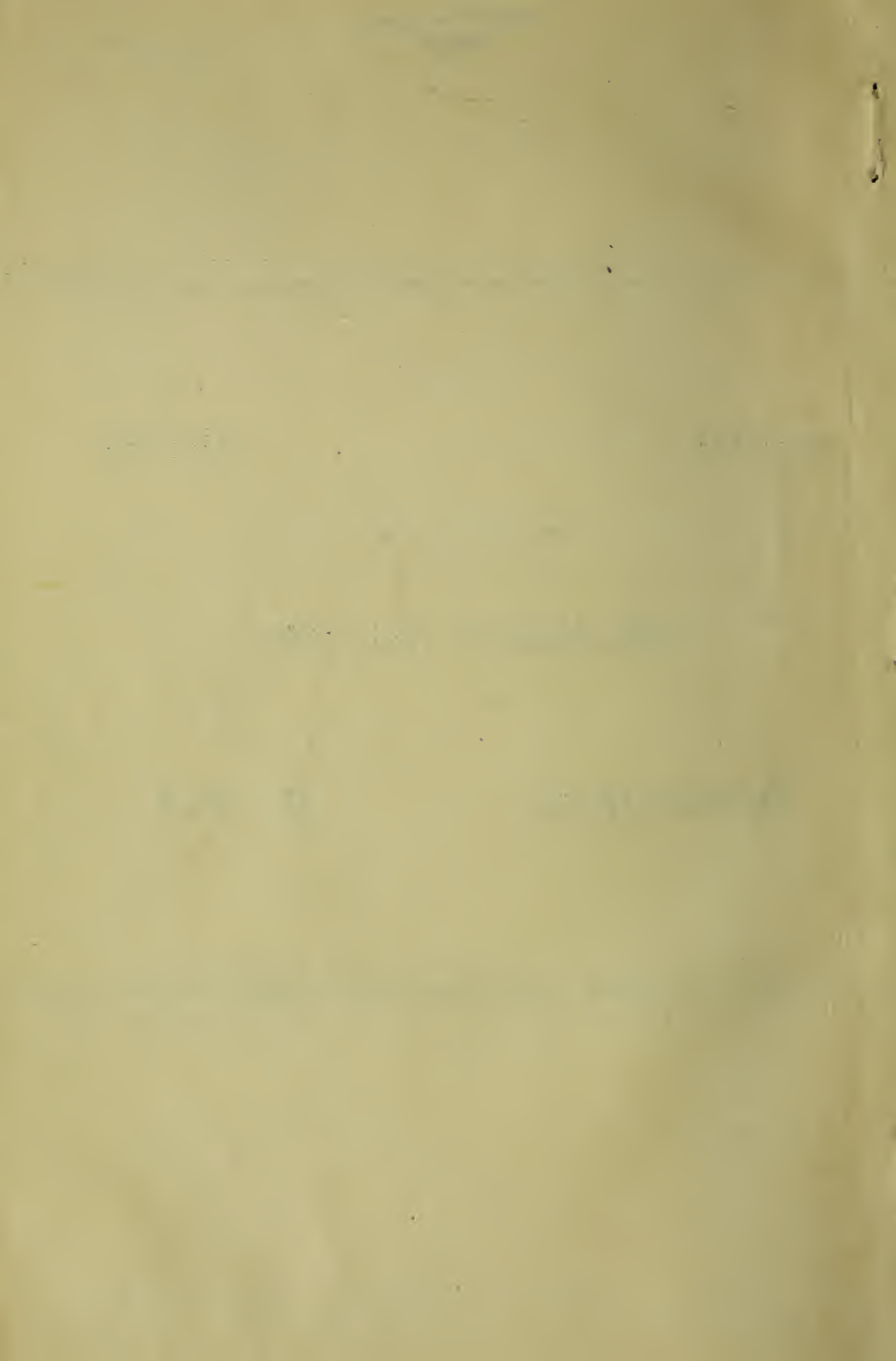
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## PREFATORY NOTE.

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In the year 1824 the conditions were fulfilled under which the provisional charter of 1822 became operative by the subsequent action of the Regents, for the foundation of Hobart College.

The College is a general institution of the Church ; all Bishops of jurisdiction in the United States, and especially the Bishops of the State of New York, being members of the Board of Visitors ; the Bishop of the Diocese in which the College stands, being ex-officio one of the trustees ; the Hon. Chancellor James M. Smith, LL.D., being chairman, and Mr. Douglas Merritt being vice-chairman of the Corporation.

President Potter's strong objection to introducing matter referring however cordially to him, has been overruled because of the necessity of taking every opportunity of removing as far as may be the prevailing paralyzing impression that our Church and Churchmen take little or no interest in Church Collegiate Education.

The following letter of the President of the Alumni Association, and the action of the Faculty, which it presents, refers to President Potter's election in January, 1884, the date of his letter of acceptance being some months later, upon Ascension Day, from Keeble College, Oxford University, England. His residence at Hobart College did not begin, however, until the Autumn, and his lectures not until 1885. It is expected that the Corporation will take action at the annual meeting in June, for special effort in behalf of the institution during 1894-5 ; the commemorative exercises culminating at Hobart College.

This pamphlet, which has been compiled by request, is not published, but a few copies may be had on application to the Registrar of Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y.

NEW YORK, Easter Monday, 1894.

*To the Alumni of Hobart College :*

The large "Hobart Hall," one of the finest rooms in the city, with the ample adjoining apartments, occupied by Bishop Potter in the Diocesan House, 29 Lafayette Place, have through his kindness been placed at the service of Hobart College for a reception of its Alumni and friends on Thursday evening, May 3d, 1894.

It is hoped that the occasion may be the means of bringing together in large numbers not only the Alumni, but also many friends of Church Collegiate education, and to this end your attendance and coöperation are earnestly solicited.

The day selected will commemorate the seventieth year of the foundation of the College and the decade of President Potter's administration. The Faculty of the College recently and in his absence, in view of the approaching re-union, unanimously adopted the following resolutions :

"I. *Resolved*, That this Faculty, in view of the decennial anniversary of the election of President Potter to his present office, desires to offer him its congratulations on the substantial progress and improvement which have attended his administration. The number of students has increased, and the quality of their preparation has steadily improved. In both these respects the condition of the College at present is more encouraging than at any period of its history. The real estate of the College has been materially added to ; the Faculty is more numerous ; we have an admirable fire-proof library, an excellent gymnasium, and an adequate museum. The number of our active friends, and the interest of the Alumni in the affairs of the College have steadily grown ; and although sufficient endowment is still a desideratum, there has been a growth in this from benefactions and bequests, and the foundations may be regarded as already laid for a better future.

"II. *Resolved*, That in this opinion of this Faculty, all the facts above stated should stimulate and encourage those authorized to prosecute the work of enlarging the endowment and multiplying the facilities for instruction which the high standards of the day unceasingly impose on Colleges and Universities, in which aims this Faculty relies on the President's zeal, and upon the constant interest and devotion of the Board of Trustees.

"III. *Resolved*, That this Faculty further desires to put on record its sense of gratitude for the high consideration and confidence which the President has uniformly shown towards the heads of the respective departments—a consideration which has deserved and, as we hope, has called forth a corresponding sense of obligation to fulfil the duties that devolve upon them, nor can they refrain from expressing, at the same time, their warm and sincere regard for him as a neighbor and a friend."

It is meet and right that these periods of Academic growth and progress should be marked by their dignified observance, by all who tenderly care for the welfare and prosperity of their Alma Mater.

By the thoughtful provision of the College, refreshments will be served in the Hall, and addresses by distinguished citizens may be expected.

Yours very sincerely,

CLARENCE A. SEWARD,  
*President of the Alumni Association.*

## LETTERS.

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*From the Presiding Bishop, Bishop of Conn. and Chancellor of Hobart College for 1892-3.*

MY DEAR PRESIDENT: I regret that it will not be possible for me to be present at the "Hobart Reception" in New York.

But I cannot let the occasion pass without sending you my warm congratulations on the distinguished success and results of your Presidency. They have more than fulfilled all the hopes and anticipations that greeted your accession to the office.

May many years continue your administration, and bring ever increasing prosperity to the institution—having so honored a name and doing so good a work—over which you preside.

Very affectionately yours,

J. WILLIAMS.

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*From the Bishop of Rhode Island, Chancellor of Hobart College for 1890-91.*

MY DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I regret that my engagements will not allow me to be present with you in New York on the third of May, but this will be impossible. I recall with great satisfaction the interesting visit that I made at Hobart College (as its Chancellor) some two or three years ago. I was much impressed by the beauty of the location, the ability of the faculty and all the surroundings of the institution. I think that this gathering in New York may still further enkindle the interest of the Alumni in the welfare of this college; for very much depends upon this.

I have also many grateful recollections of yourself in days gone by, and wish you a long, and a happy and a very useful life.

Very sincerely yours,

THOMAS M. CLARK.

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*From the Bishop of Western New York, Chancellor of Hobart College, 1887-8.*

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN: By a very pleasant coincidence, your kind invitation has reached me in Geneva where I arrived this morning partly for the purpose of making enquiries concerning the approaching festivity. Its precise date I had not learned before, and I lose no time in expressing to you my regrets that my official engagements at that time render it impossible for me to be present, and my regrets are the more emphasized by the fact that were I otherwise circumstanced, I should be able to meet you and the alumni and others with congratulations upon the present condition of the College, such as on former occasions of the kind would have been less appropriate. A stagnation of interest of the affairs of the College

on the part of many from whom more might have been expected has too long occasioned a deep depression in your minds and my own, such as has been wholly inconsistent with felicitations and rejoicings. Of late, friends and helpers have begun to appear in quarters to which some time since we might have looked in vain for aid. Such results I attribute to the admirable standard of education which has been reached and steadfastly maintained through many difficulties and discouragements. To our energetic and faithful corps of Professors you would be the first to attribute due praise.

Nothing less than such achievements can ever command success for a college. A staff of highly accomplished and devoted men is the primary consideration for creating enduring sympathy and support from public benefactors.

But you, gentlemen of the Trustees, must permit me to add that an efficient Presidency and the untiring efforts of its incumbent are always requisite to excite the loyalty of Alumni, and the liberality of public spirited individuals. That the Presidency of Dr. Potter has been eminently successful as a stimulus to such interest and beneficence you will gratefully acknowledge. We owe him a debt of gratitude for the steady improvement of our College in all its departments; and here I thankfully acknowledge the moral and Christian influences which have been brought to bear upon the students in such a way as to commend it to parents as a safe place for the training of their sons as Christian gentlemen. In our days I think this to be a tribute of the highest practical importance, and I accord it with heartfelt sincerity.

Wishing you entire satisfaction in the enjoyment of an occasion which I trust may contribute largely to the future prosperity of Hobart College, I am, Mr. President and Gentlemen, your faithful friend and servant in behalf of Christ and His Church,

A. CLEVELAND COXE.

*From the Bishop of South Dakota, Chancellor of Hobart College, 1893-4.*

MY DEAR PRESIDENT POTTER: I wish I could show my appreciation of the high honor Hobart College has done me in appointing me one of its Honorary Chancellors by being present at the reception to be given May 3d, in commemoration of the seventieth year of the foundation of the college and the tenth year of your leadership. Appointments, or rather a chain of them, long since made take me in a few days to the remoter parts of So. Dakota and I shall not be able to turn my face eastward May 3d. My interest in Hobart is not merely inherited but arises from the practical fact that two of my small band of clergy are sons of Hobart. Judging from its President and from these two men, courage and persistent energy must be characteristic of the institution. Of the former I may not say more in a letter addressed to him, but of the latter I may say that they courageously plunged into the wilderness in Christ's name twenty-two years ago, and have remained persistently at their work out here ever since,

Your faithful friend and brother,

W. H. HARE.

*From the Bishop of Ohio.*

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I need hardly assure you of my affectionate good wishes, on this auspicious occasion of your jubilee as President of Hobart College. The Church in this country as well as her associated educational institutions owe you a debt of gratitude and regard. For you have, with a generous and large-minded spirit, devoted your energies and abilities to the unification and strengthening of all the Church Colleges of our land as well as to the upbuilding and invigoration of the venerable home of sound learning over which, for ten years, you have so wisely held rule. It is evident to us all, that you realize that the strong must give a helping hand to the weak; and that in our Church unit is a power luminously illustrated for us by the Divine Being whom we would serve. May your zealous endeavors be crowned with the success they merit; and may your signal service as a Christian educator and leader be continually augmented. The Diocese of Ohio sends to you her congratulations. I regret extremely that duties and engagements prevent my presence at "Hobart's" glorious anniversary.

I am sincerely and faithfully,

WILLIAM ANDREW LEONARD.

*From the Bishop of New Jersey.*

MY DEAR PRESIDENT POTTER: I am sorry I must send you my congratulations instead of offering them in person, as I should very much prefer doing. The meeting of my Diocesan Convention, within the week of your anniversary, will keep me on this side of the Hudson River and deprive me of the very great pleasure of joining with your many friends in keeping your anniversary. I am sure you must feel real satisfaction in the results wrought at Hobart in ten years. Colleges, as a rule, are a slow growth—but to all the oak trees of the forest! You are laying strong foundations that others may build on them. Under you, Hobart is winning confidence as well as prosperity. If our Church only had some one like Mr. Rockefeller to give you a million—or even two or three millions of dollars, you could make the closing of this century brilliant as an educational era. May green eyes yet see some of the great things hoped for, as living realities, and may the friends of Hobart College respond generously to your plea.

Your friend sincerely,

JOHN SCARBOROUGH.

*From the Bishop of Pennsylvania.*

MY DEAR DR. POTTER: It would give me great pleasure to be present at the meeting of the President, Trustees, Faculty, and Alumni of Hobart College at the Diocesan House in New York on the evening of the 3d of May, and I greatly regret that my engagements will prevent me from accepting your kind invitation.

I cannot forbear, however, congratulating you on the prosperity which has attended Hobart College since you became its President, and I desire to thank you for the efficient service that you have rendered in establishing the Church University Board, and in so far perfecting its plan of operations, that it bids fair to become a power in the advancement of Church Collegiate education.

Very faithfully yours,

O. W. WHITAKER.

*From the Bishop of Tennessee.*

MY DEAR DR. POTTER: I regret that other engagements will render it impossible for me to be with you next week on your anniversary. With all my heart I congratulate you upon the great work you have done and are doing for the cause of Christian education. My heart has been in it for many years and I hope that this enthusiasm shall continue with me to the end.

Praying Lord's abundant blessing upon you, I am,

Most sincerely etc.,

THOS. F. GAILOR.

*From the Bishop of Maryland, Alumnus of Hobart.*

DEAR SIR: I greatly wish it could be in my power to accept your invitation and be present at the reception of the Alumni and friends of Hobart College on the evening of Thursday, May 3d. But that being Ascension Day, I have assumed important duties in one of my parishes which I cannot postpone.

Although I have not shown my interest by my presence, I have really a very deep gratitude for the benefits I myself received from Hobart, for its kindness to me in person, and in my official relations. As I have influence I have tried to send students there. My confidence in it has steadily grown.

Yours truly,

WILLIAM PARET.

*From the Bishop of Nebraska, Alumnus of Hobart.*

MY DEAR PRESIDENT POTTER: I regret that I am unable to manifest the deep interest I feel in Christian Education, and especially in the important work entrusted to "The Church University Board of Regents," by my presence at "The Diocesan House," N. Y., May 3d, in response to the kind and appreciated invitation which is now before me. As an alumnus of Hobart College, may I be permitted to congratulate you on the successful completion of your decade as president. The ten years of your administration of the College has been characterized by such substantial progress and improvement in all that pertains to the welfare of my Alma Mater, that you deserve the grateful acknowledgment of all who are interested in the welfare of "Hobart."

Sincerely yours,

G. WORTHINGTON.

*From the Assistant Bishop of Minnesota, Alumnus of Hobart.*

MY DEAR DR. POTTER: Certainly your invitation to be present at the meeting of the Hobart Alumni in New York on the 3d of May is a most

tempting one. I do indeed wish that I could be present. My interest in Hobart remains undimmed, and I always watch its career with the deepest personal interest. One thing has always impressed me most favorably, that Hobart has never lowered its standard of scholarship one iota for the purpose of purchasing popularity or of swelling its numbers. It stands now as in the past for the highest and choicest type of scholarship. So may it ever be. My warmest congratulations go out to you personally for the successful administration of the affairs of the college, and I bespeak for you many years of influence and usefulness therein. Please convey to the Alumni and friends of the college assurances of my fraternal greetings.

Believe me, Most truly yours,

M. N. GILBERT.

*From the Bishop of West Virginia.*

MY DEAR SIR: I am in receipt of your kind invitation of the 19th inst. for the Anniversary on May 3d, and write to acknowledge and to thank you for it. I regret to say that previous engagements will prevent my acceptance. I cannot forbear saying, however, that I am in hearty sympathy with the movement and should like to see its benefits extend to my Diocese. In our feebleness we can do but little, perhaps I had better say nothing as yet, and still I am bold enough to send you my Address to my Council in 1892, the marked passages of which (see p. 27) will at least show this, that we have some aspirations. Owing to a variety of circumstances, into which I shall not enter here, we have done nothing yet, except stimulate the little congregation to renovate and enlarge the little chapel we have in Morgantown, so that now it is sightly and commodious. I estimate that it will take \$15,000 or perhaps \$20,000 to carry out the plans indicated fully, and I am a great believer in the power of a persistent purpose, especially if it be one on which we can ask God's blessing. I may add that I have received a most gratifying and favorable answer from the Regents of the University, conceding all I ask for. I am respectfully and faithfully yours,

GEO. W. PETERKIN.

*From the Bishop of Springfield.*

REV. AND DEAR BROTHER: I have received with great pleasure the invitation to be present at the reception tendered by the authorities of Hobart College to its alumni and with gracious hospitality to various others representing Church education and the interests of Christian scholarship in our country.

It would give me great satisfaction to be present on such an interesting occasion which commemorates the seventieth year of Hobart College's age and the tenth year of your successful administration of its affairs as President of the institution. I should enjoy extremely the retrospect into the past of your College in association with the noble Bishop whose name it bears, and I should find exceeding gratification in listening to the reminiscences of your presidential career since you were called to the high trust which you

so creditably fulfill, but it may not be, and I must add my enjoined absence in consequence of official duty as another trial which attends the career of a Bishop far removed from the great center of life and activity.

Accept please for yourself, for your College, and the Board of Regents which you represent my hearty congratulations for the success which has crowned your past and my cordial wishes for increased and uninterrupted success on all lines of your endeavor for the future.

With sincere respect, faithfully yours,

GEORGE F. SEYMOUR.

*From the Bishop of Cairo.*

DEAR SIR: I much regret that imperative engagements will prevent my acceptance of the kind invitation of the President, Trustees of Hobart College. Geneva, for May 3d, at 8:30 P. M., at Hobart Hall, Diocesan House, New York.

With best wishes for Hobart College, and trusting that the Reunion, May 3d, may be not only pleasant (which I am sure it will), but also most helpful to the cause of Church Education, and greatly regretting that I cannot be there, I remain,

Yours faithfully,

CHAS. R. HALE.

*From the Bishop of Missouri.*

DEAR SIR: I am in receipt of the kind invitation from the President and Trustees of Hobart College for the evening of May 3.

I regret that duties here will preclude me from the pleasure of acceptance.

May the three score and ten of the College and the ten of the President be increased and lengthened in multos annos.

With many thanks, I am faithfully yours,

DANIEL T. TUTTLE.

*From the Bishop of Vermont.*

MR DEAR DR. POTTER: I thank you heartily for your kind invitation. And I am sorry that it is impossible for me to be with you on the third. But I have engagements in the diocese.

Let me offer my sincere congratulations and very earnest good wishes to Hobart College and its President.

Very faithfully yours,

ARTHUR C. A. HALL.

*From the Bishop of Massachusetts.*

MY DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I regret that duties here will prevent me from being present at the anniversary on May 3d. May I offer the College and yourself hearty congratulations upon the event and upon the useful work that the College under your presidency is doing.

Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM LAWRENCE.

*From the Bishop of Pittsburgh.*

MY DEAR REV. BROTHER: Thank you very much for your kind invitation to attend the exercises connected with the anniversary to be observed on May 3d, in New York. I regret that previous engagements will prevent my presence; but you need no assurance from me of the most cordial interest in the occasion. I trust that your fondest hopes with regard to the Church University Board of Regents will be realized; and, together with my congratulations upon your decennial anniversary and upon the progress which has attended your administration, I desire to offer my best wishes for the future of Hobart. Believe me,

Very faithfully yours,

CORTLANDT WHITEHEAD.

*From the Bishop of Georgia.*

MY DEAR DR. POTTER: It gives me very great pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your invitation to attend the commemoration of the seventieth year of the foundation of Hobart College, and the decade of your administration; I regret exceedingly that my diocesan duties make it impossible for me to be present on the occasion. In lieu of the personal expression of my interest I beg you to accept the written hearty assurance of the high appreciation in which I hold the work of Hobart College, and the wisdom which characterizes your administration. The attested healthy condition of the College, its increased facilities, and the friends which you have won for it ought to convince all who read or enquire that Hobart College fills a position too frequently vacant.

We want to-day more than ever before Church Colleges which can properly be so called, not such as merely have a Board of Trustees who are Churchmen (but without any direction toward the Church) and too often administered as though we were ashamed or afraid to acknowledge that the Church has a right to educate her sons in her own way, and through them, laymen as well as clergymen, to preserve the continuity of Church thought and life.

Wishing you still greater success than in the past, I am

Faithfully your friend and brother,

C. K. NELSON.

*From the Bishop of Delaware.*

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I am much obliged for the kind and valued invitation for the evening of Ascension Day, and wish very much that I could avail myself of it. But an imperative and previous engagement elsewhere will prevent my having this pleasure.

It will, doubtless, be a very interesting occasion. You know how warmly I congratulate you upon the completion of your ten years' efficient work at Hobart, and I rejoice to know of the College's prosperity and usefulness during the seventy years of its existence.

My hearty wishes go along also with the work of the Church University Board of Regents, whose recent ventures will, I trust, be crowned with the success which they deserve. With renewed thanks and regrets, I am as ever,  
Affectionately yours,

LEIGHTON COLEMAN.

*From the Bishop of Texas.*

REV. AND DEAR BROTHER: It would give me great pleasure to attend the proposed meeting of Bishops and others in New York on the 3d prox., but my appointments will not permit it. Wishing you great and continued success in the cause of Christian education, of which you have been so earnest a champion. I am,

Yours sincerely,

J. I. JOHNSTON.

*From the Bishop of Quincy.*

MY DEAR DR. POTTER: I thank warmly the Trustees and yourself for holding me so sufficiently conspicuous or otherwise fitted for invitation to the reception in New York the evening of Ascension Day. I have already engaged to take certain duties in Jose, because of the absence of the Bishop of that diocese, and these will forbid my presence. I have followed your class from before 1889, and rejoiced in your success, not at Hobart only but rather before the General Convention and the American Church. Our Lord be praised for your life, and for the influence of your talents and mind and spirit upon Church collegiate interests and education. May the administration of your own college and the continued success of your advocacy of all, which your wonderful report to the General Convention of 1892 brings mark them yet a second decade.

Yours gratefully and cordially,

ALEXR. BURGESS.

*From the Bishop of Indiana.*

MY DEAR DR. POTTER: I wish it were in my power to be with you on the interesting occasion of your tenth anniversary as President of Hobart College, but pressing diocesan engagements will prevent. With all my heart I join with your many friends in extending congratulations. At Union College and at Hobart you have done a great work for Christian education. I trust it is but the prelude to still greater achievements as the years go on. I hope the Church University Board of Regents of which you have been the founder may do much to impress upon the whole Church the importance of the generous maintenance of its schools and colleges, of dealing generously in their equipment and endowment, that they may be kept up to the level of the very best. This, it seems to me, is the great need at this time to move wealthy churchmen to endow and enlarge the capacity of our existing institutions.

Assuring you of my high regard and wishing for you every blessing.

Sincerely your friend,

D. B. KNICKERBACKER.

The noble tribute paid when Chancellor of the College by Bishop Doane as chairman of the Church University Board of Regents, and by Bishop H. C. Potter and Bishop Dudley in addresses as Chancellors and otherwise, and the tribute paid at the banquet, in 1893, by Bishop McLaren, together with the commendations and devout aspirations of Bishop Whipple of the Board of Regents and of Bishop Littlejohn, years since elected President of Hobart College, and of Bishop Huntington, long a Trustee of the College, are seconded by helpful congratulations from the other Bishops.

In addition to Alumni of Hobart who have been elected to Bishoprics without accepting, and to those Bishops who are honorary Alumni of Hobart College, the following Alumni are found in the Episcopal list: Bishops Neely, Paret, Welles (deceased), Worthington, Brewer, Graves, Gilbert, Wells, Graves (China).

It may be of interest here to add that Bishop Alonzo Potter when Professor was elected the first President of Hobart College, and Bishop Horatio Potter when Professor was some years later elected to the Presidency, and both hoped for a time to accept. Bishop Henry C. Potter is a Visitor and Chancellor of Hobart. President Potter entered upon Collegiate and University educational work in connection with his first charge, consisting of parishes and missions centering at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Judge Packer, though not a resident, an honored vestryman of the Church there, founding the Lehigh University, Dr. Potter was elected first Professor and accepted, continuing his clerical duties. Thereafter he became President of his Alma Mater, useful preparation for his duties as Advocate-Regent of the Church University Board, and President of Hobart College.

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*From the Rector of the DeLancey Divinity School and St. Peter's Church.*

MY DEAR SIR: Though I cannot be present at the proposed Hobart Reception in New York on the 3d of June, I desire to gladly add my testimony on this notable occasion. As of an eye witness accept my hearty congratulations to all concerned upon the marked success of President Potter's ten years' administration of that College. As Rector of the DeLancey Divinity School and Dean of the Deanery of Geneva for all that time I wish to testify also to his ever ready and able coöperation in making the College minister effectively—as it ought to do—to theological education and church

work in this Diocese (Western New York) and beyond it; and for the wardens and vestrymen of St. Peter's church, Geneva, I am desired in their behalf to add their declaration of their most grateful appreciation of Dr. Potter's many considerate and helpful acts of kindness to their Rector and parish, making the Institution over which he so ably presides dear to the hearts of the pupils as well as beneficial to their heads. With all best wishes for Hobart's glorious future,

Very sincerely,

JAMES RANKINE,  
Geneva, N. Y.

SIR: The kind invitation of the President and Trustees of Hobart College, asking the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of the Church of the Nativity, South Bethlehem, Penna., to meet representatives of the Faculty and Alumni of Hobart College, the Church University Board of Regents, the Bishop of New York, and the Bishop of the Church in the United States, in Hobart Hall, New York, May third, at half past eight o'clock in the evening, was duly received and presented to the Vestry at a special meeting called for that purpose yesterday.

On motion the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

*Resolved*, That the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of the Church of the Nativity, South Bethlehem, Penna., accept with sincere pleasure the invitation of the President and Trustees of Hobart College to attend the Hobart reception in New York on the third of May.

*Resolved*, That we keep in constant remembrance the efficient and excellent work done by the Reverend Doctor Potter while among us when he was our first Rector and our Church his first pastoral charge.

*Resolved*, That we send him our hearty and affectionate God-speed in his present labors, and wish him great prosperity.

*Resolved*, That these our greetings be presented to him by a committee consisting of the Rector, The Reverend Gilbert H. Sterling, Doctor Henry Coppee, Warden, and Mr. A. N. Cleaver, Vestryman.

ROBERT P. LINDERMAN, Secretary.

*From Rev. Dr. H. R. Lockwood, Hobart Alumnus and Trustee.*

I am delighted to see that there is to be a fitting celebration of the seventieth anniversary of the foundation of the college and the tenth of Dr. Potter's Presidency. The occasion will be so enjoyable and it would be in every way so good to be there that I foresee with great regret my inability to participate in it.

I hope it may give a grand impetus to the increasing prosperity of our college.

SYRACUSE, N. Y.

DEAR SIR: Your kind notice and invitation to me to be present is thankfully received. It would be one of the greatest enjoyments of life could I be with you at the meeting of the representatives of the Faculty and Alumni of Hobart College; but I shall have to deny myself that great pleasure. My spirit will be with you, for my warmest desires are for the prosperity of my Alma Mater under whose fostering care I spent four years as among the happiest days of my life, between the years of 1838 and 1842.

Truly yours, G. M. SKINNER,  
Detroit, Mich.

MY DEAR PRESIDENT POTTER :

It was with great pleasure that I received the invitation of the President and Trustees of Hobart College for the 3d of May next. I wish it were possible for me to accept the same and be present with the friends of "Hobart and education" on the evening of that day. I regret that I have made engagements which will detain me here.

Permit me to tender to you my congratulations upon the decennial anniversary of your election to the presidency of dear old Hobart; and to the Trustees I tender my sincere congratulations that Hobart, through you, stands so thoroughly for the Christian education of the youth of the Church and State. I shall never forget the happy year I passed in Geneva and the kindnesses of my many friends in and out of the college. I esteem it one of the greatest honors, as well as one of the greatest pleasures of my life that my name once appeared under the list of the Faculty of Hobart. Truly I am one of her sons whom she has honored with a degree. Some day I hope I may be so situated that I may be able to show my regard by acts done, rather than by words spoken.

Please extend to all my hearty congratulations upon the events you will celebrate, together with my regrets that I am not able to celebrate them with you, and believe me to be, as ever, your and Hobart's friend and well-wisher.

WILLIAM PRALL,

St. John's Rectory, Detroit, Mich.

DEAR SIR: I am in receipt of an invitation to meet representatives of the Faculty, Alumni and others of Hobart College, in Hobart Hall, 29 Lafayette Place, on May 3d, 1894, the seventieth anniversary of the foundation of the college. I am in cordial sympathy with the purposes of the gathering and distance alone will prevent my being present.

I note with great pleasure the growth and prosperity of dear old Hobart under the efficient administration of President Potter, and sincerely hope that the proposed meeting of officials and friends of the college will be productive of increased interest in its welfare, as I am sure it will be an occasion of much pleasure and enthusiasm.

Faithfully yours,

GEO. H. CORNELL,

St. Thomas Church, Sioux City, Iowa.

DEAR SIR: I much regret that my duties here prevent the acceptance of your kind invitation to be present May 3, at the Reception to be given by the President and Trustees of Hobart College to their distinguished guests interested in "Church Collegiate Education."

I avail myself of the occasion to offer my hearty congratulations to President Potter on the growth of the College and the prominent part he has taken in promoting the cause of the higher education in the Church and the country.

Sincerely yours,

A. DALTON,

Portland, Maine.

DEAR SIR: I have received with sincere pleasure your kind invitation to be present at the reception given by the Faculty and Alumni of Hobart College and others at Hobart Hall, Diocesan House, New York, May 3d in the evening. I regret very much that I am not able to do more than thank you for your courtesies.

Many years have passed since the President of Hobart College and myself, had the same preceptor, and attended the same school. I know no one who had Church Collegiate Education more at heart than the late Rev. Dr. George E. Hare; and to him with the great Bishop Alonzo Potter, from whom I received Holy Orders, I owe almost everything in the way of training for the ministry.

Most sincerely,

JOHN K. MURPHY,  
Germantown, Pa.

DEAR SIR: In reply to your kind card for May 3d, I am sorry to say that previous engagement has claimed me for that evening.

As an English graduate, like most Oxonians, I am ardently desirous to see University facilities amplified and encouraged to meet the highest possible demand and development of our day. In this direction Hobart can certainly be congratulated as a live College, expanding in the faithful discharge of its obligations and vigorous to increase its usefulness as every opportunity permits. I believe also that the need of definite Church principles is profoundly needed in the collegiate curriculum of to-day, for speaking on this point to a young fellow who has not long left one of the secular universities he said "Graduates mostly are only educated heathens." I wish you a joyous meeting and successful too, and prosperity to Hobart from the President down.

Yours most sincerely,

J. FRANKLIN LOVE,  
Trinity Rectory, Vincentown, N. J.

DEAR SIR: In response to the invitation, on the part of the President and Trustees of Hobart College, to be present at a reception to be held in Hobart Hall, Diocesan House, New York, on the evening of May 3d, I desire to convey to them, through you, my grateful appreciation of the honor conferred on me by such an invitation, and my cordial sympathy with the efforts in behalf of the extension of Church Collegiate Education implied in the approaching representative gathering of distinguished Churchmen. Hobart stands well to the fore among Church Colleges, both for good work accomplished, and for the number of illustrious men counted among her Alumni.

I beg to do myself the pleasure of accepting the invitation, though I am by no means sure that I shall be able to get away from my manifold duties on the 3d of May. But I shall try to do so.

I am, very faithfully yours, FRED C. COWPER,  
Philipsburg, Pa.

GENTLEMEN: It would give me great pleasure to accept your kind invitation for May 3 in Hobart Hall, N. Y. City, did circumstances permit absence from my field at this time. My duties as a general missionary of the Diocese of West Michigan, at all times exacting, are at this season of the Church year especially pressing. I can therefore only assure you of my high appreciation of the value and necessity of Church Collegiate Education, and hearty sympathy with all efforts in that direction.

The Church University Board I regard as one of the most promising instrumentalities in the line of Church progress which the General Convention has inaugurated. Already the Board has justified its creation, and in no long time, I am confident its influence for good will be most deeply and widely felt.

Congratulating you on your thoughtfulness in seizing this occasion, I trust your reunion will prove most happy and beneficial.

Very respectfully yours, JOSEPH W. BANCROFT,  
Hastings, Mich.

DEAR SIR: It will hardly be in my power to accept your invitation for the 3d prox. I do *very much* desire to say that I believe in the President, of illustrious name, exceptional worth and distinguished service, who is Hobart's head; in the cause of distinctive Church education, and the future there must be for it. I hope to come to Geneva at no distant day, with a view to inspect. If fairly blessed, I mean to leave a modest check behind me.

Very truly yours, HOWARD F. HILL,  
Concord, N. H.

GENTLEMEN: I highly appreciate the honor of your invitation to meet the Church University Board of Regents and the Bishops, on the evening of Ascension Day, and would be very happy to accept it. But engagements already made and which cannot be now changed, will deprive me of that pleasure.

The creation of the Board of Regents, and their judicious beginnings of a great service to the cause of Collegiate education on Churchly lines, give promise of better things, in the near future, for our Church and country.

I shall continue to observe with deep interest every advance that may be made in the same direction.

Very sincerely yours, ELVIN K. SMITH,  
Lambertville, N. J.

MY DEAR PRESIDENT POTTER: I am sorry that absence from the city on the evening of May 3d will prevent me from attending the reception to be given at the Diocesan House at that time by the Curators and Trustees of Hobart College. I am glad, however, to add my felicitations to those of your many friends, and to wish both for yourself and the college an always increasing prosperity. Always with kind regards, I am, my dear Mr. President,

Yours faithfully, SETH LOW,  
President Columbia College.

MY DEAR SIR: I am sorry to say that distance and duties will prevent me from being present at the reception to be given in New York, on the third of May, to which you have been so kind as to invite me; and I beg leave to offer my congratulations on the decennial as well as on the septuagesimal anniversary. I am, dear sir,

Very truly yours,

D. C. GILMAN,  
President Johns Hopkins University.

DEAR SIR: I have received with pleasure and read with much interest your invitation with accompanying statement concerning the opportunity kindly offered for meeting members of the Faculty and Alumni of Hobart College, with others, in the evening of Ascension Day next.

I have communicated the invitation and your valuable statement to the wardens and vestry of Harcourt Parish here. They ask me to join with mine their acknowledgment of your courtesy and to express the gratification which they feel, and in which I heartily concur, in the prosperity of Hobart College and in the success which has justly followed the vigorous efforts of its honored President in his advocacy of the Church University Board of Regents. I am sorry that I cannot have the personal pleasure of accepting your invitation. But I am able to say that Mr. H. N. Hills our senior warden, who is also one of the Regents of the schools here, will probably be in attendance and will send his personal acceptance. With great respect

I am, sincerely yours,

H. M. DENSLOW,  
Chaplain of Kenyon College and Rector of Harcourt Parish.

PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES OF HOBART COLLEGE: I regret my inability to accept your courteous invitation for the third of May. May I add the wish that the occasion may prove worthy of the past that calls it forth, and aid in opening up a yet more efficient and distinguished future both for the college and its honored President.

Very truly,

P. H. STEENSTRA,  
Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Mass.

The Rev. Dr. J. H. Coit regrets that he is unable to accept the invitation of the President and Trustees of Hobart College. He begs to send his hearty congratulations on the prosperity of Hobart College and to express his warm interest in the advancement of Christian Education which has been so largely stimulated by the plans and efforts of the Church University Board.

St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H.

DEAR SIR: I am greatly indebted to you for your kind invitation that has just reached me.

I regret exceedingly to have to write you that it will be impossible for me to be absent from Gambier on the third of next month.

Hoping that the meeting may be a great success, I am,

Yours faithfully, LAWRENCE RUST,  
Regent Kenyon Military Academy.

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DEAR SIR: I regret that distance will prevent me from accepting the kind invitation of the President and Trustees of Hobart College for May 3.

Not only my interest in the educational work of the Church, but also more personal reasons, lead me to rejoice in the prosperity of Hobart. May her threescore years and ten be but the infancy of a long life of usefulness and power. And may her present head be long spared to carry on the work of which the past ten years give such noble promise.

Yours faithfully, ALLAN L. BURLESON,  
Rector of West Texas Military Academy.

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DEAR SIR: It is with deep regret that I am obliged to decline the very kind invitation of the President and Trustees of Hobart College to meet the Faculty, Alumni and others on May 3d. Unfortunately the duties connected with King Hall at that time will be so imperative that it will be impossible for me to leave.

Praying God's blessing on all Church educational interests and especially upon Hobart—for which I entertain the deepest regard, believe me,

Yours very truly, WILLIAM. V. TUNNELL,  
"King Hall," Washington, D. C.

*From the Manager of the Young Churchman Co.*

Mr. L. H. Morehouse acknowledges with thanks the invitation of the President and Trustees of Hobart College to the reception to be held in Hobart Hall, on May 3d; and greatly regrets his inability to be present at that time. Most cordial greetings to the Rev. Dr. Potter, who has done so much to raise the standard of Collegiate Education in our Church institutions. Milwaukee, Wis.

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*To the President and Trustees of Hobart College.*

GENTLEMEN: It is with much regret that I find myself compelled to decline your kind invitation for the 3d of May next.

To meet so many eminent Bishops, Priests and Laymen, to join with

them in congratulations upon the growth of Hobart College, and to take part in noting the success of its President, both there and other and broader fields of church educational work, would be a great pleasure. But the day named for the meeting is almost simultaneous with the close of the work of the Supreme Court at this Term where imperative duties detain me in Washington.

Thanking you for your kindness in remembering me on this interesting occasion I am, gentlemen,

Very sincerely yours,

J. C. BANCROFT DAVIS,  
Washington, D. C.

As a Curator of Hobart, Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt writes that he is glad to see President Potter's successful administration so well appreciated by his associates, and that he takes pleasure in adding his congratulations to those of the faculty and in wishing the president continued progress in all his undertakings.

New York.

MY DEAR SIR: I write to return my thanks to the President and Trustees of Hobart College for their very kind invitation to the reception in New York on May 3d. I greatly regret that my engagements will not permit me to accept. I congratulate the college and its able President upon its progress and prosperity, and trust that the occasion may serve to impress upon the minds of Churchmen the advantage and duty of supporting more generously the educational institutions of the Church.

Very truly yours,

JOHN H. STINESS,  
Associate Justice Supreme Court, Rhode Island.

DEAR SIR: I beg to acknowledge receipt of the invitation to meet the Faculty and Alumni of Hobart College on May 3, 1894, and I sincerely regret that imperative engagements in Court on that day compel me to decline.

The occasion will doubtless be one of great interest and I appreciate the courtesy which includes me as a member of the vestry of the old parish among the invited guests.

Very truly yours,

JAMES A. PEARCE,  
Chestertown, Md.

GENTLEMEN: I beg to thank you for the invitation to be present at the meeting to be held in New York, May 3d.

I regret that I cannot be present. I am sure that all Churchmen recognize with satisfaction the stronger position which our Church Colleges are taking in our American life.

With great respect, I remain,

Yours very truly,

JOHN THOMAS,  
Cleveland, O.

MY DEAR DR. POTTER: I congratulate you on your tenth year of service as President of Hobart, and accept with great pleasure the kind invitation for the third of May, with which I am favored, to attend a commemoration of that event, and the founding of the college.

I have been gratified to watch the course of your administration and to observe the improvements of the material and educational interests of the college, and trust that every blessing may attend you and it for these many, many years to come.

Yours very truly,

B. BRUNELL,  
New York.

DEAR SIR: I regret that the state of my health will not permit me to accept the invitation of the President and Trustees of Hobart College to be present at their reception May 3d, in New York.

Yours truly,

BENJAMIN HALE.

A similar letter is received from Mr. Thomas Hale, also a son of the late President Hale, of honored and beloved memory.

MY DEAR SIR: Please accept my thanks for the courteous invitation from the President and Trustees of Hobart College to attend the reception at the Diocesan House, New York City, on the evening of Ascension Day, May 3d.

It is fitting to commemorate the earnest work of its founders. The saintly and energetic Bishop Hobart, the pioneer missionary, David Clark, and those who shaped the policy and made Geneva College, then in the far West, a power for the promotion of sound learning and Christian truth, cannot be forgotten. The days of its age are three score years and ten, but not like those of man are the days of a college. Its past renown, its able presidents, like Hale and Jackson, in this period of its fullest vigor find in the scholarly President of 1894 a fitting successor. May his incumbency long be continued to reflect honor upon Hobart and the Church.

I regret that owing to positive engagements I cannot share in the congratulations and personal greeting to Dr. Potter upon his entrance into another decade of service. Be pleased to present him my sincere and hearty good wishes upon this auspicious day; and believe me, with kind regards,

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH HOOPER,  
Burham Centre, Conn.

DEAR SIR: The Faculty of the Theological Seminary acknowledge with sincere appreciation the invitation to be present at the 70th anniversary of the founding of Hobart College, and the commemoration of the 10th decade of President Potter's administration. They feel a deep interest in the progress of collegiate education, and in the prosperity of Hobart College.

They congratulate the College and President Potter on the prosperity with which God has visited them, and crowned their labors. It is a matter of regret that the demands of the class room at this season make it impossible for them to send a delegate to express their good wishes, and to participate in your rejoicings.

C. WALKER,

*Secretary Theological Seminary, Va.*

From the chairman of Union's Centennial Committee on Commemorative Exercises and from the chairman of the corporation of Union College and Governor of Union University, President Potter has received renewed assurances of appreciation of his services to that Institution and in his present position together with best wishes for the prosperity of Hobart College.

An alumnus of Hobart College, thrice elected to the Episcopate, President Smith of Trinity College, Hartford, writes of the extended tour, from which he has just returned, that upon summing up his experiences nothing is more satisfactory than the impression made by Hobart College, under this Presidency, and that the College is to be congratulated upon the administration; the President being entitled to all praise from the friends of the church education, for his courage and perseverance in a most trying work. He adds. "Probably I know as well as the next man, the difficulties and discouragements of his undertaking, and I sincerely thank him for sticking to his post and conquering success; although my engagements forbid my presence next Thursday night in New York, my interest in the occasion will not be less and I bid you all God speed."

## THE EXERCISES OF THE EVENING OF MAY 3.

It has not been found practicable to secure verbatim reports of the addresses made at the Reception; and this pamphlet is necessarily inadequate and incomplete. The following graphic account is from the columns of *The Churchman*:

1824-1894.

HOBART COLLEGE.

1834-1894.

The seventieth anniversary of the founding of Hobart College, and the tenth anniversary of President Potter's administration, were celebrated on the evening of Ascension Day, May 3, by a reception to President Potter, the

trustees, the faculty and the alumni of the college, as well as to those interested in Church Collegiate education, including, in an especial way, the Church University Board of Regents.

The invitations were issued in the name of Clarence A. Seward, Esq., president of the alumni. Hobart Hall, See House, one of the finest rooms in New York city, received on this occasion more than 200 guests.

Among those present were Bishop Potter, of New York; Dean Hoffman, of the General Theological Seminary; also President Hastings of the Union Theological Seminary; President Stirling, of Kenyon College; and Warden Fairbairn, of St. Stephen's College; Profs. Nash and Vail, of Hobart; the Rev. Dr. Chas. F. Hoffman, vice-chancellor of the college; the Rev. Drs. Greer, Huntington, J. W. Brown, Matson, and Wm. M. Hughes, acting general secretary of the Board of Regents, as well as other well-known clergy and laity of the Church.

One pleasant feature of the gathering, was the large number present of the younger alumni of the college.

After an informal reception, the various representatives of the different educational institutions were given official seats, and the meeting was organized by Mr. John McDonald, a member of the Board of Trustees, upon whose motion the Rev. Vice-Chancellor Hoffman was chosen to preside.

The vice-chancellor, in a few felicitous words, congratulated the college and its president upon the steady and harmonious progress which Hobart, after many ups and downs, had shown during the past ten years, and called upon President Potter, who was most cordially welcomed, to advocate its cause.

President Potter contented himself, however, with referring to a printed pamphlet which was distributed, as his excuse for passing over all personal allusions, and feelingly emphasized the necessity for a co-ordination of all the educational interests of the Church, making special allusion to the Church University Board of Regents. The pamphlet referred to contained (from among hundreds, not yet printed) letters from a large number of the bishops, from Presidents Smith, of Trinity; Low, of Columbia; and Gilman, of Johns Hopkins, and from many others; all alike exhibiting an awakening interest and increasing hopefulness, in respect of the educational interests of the Church. It also, in a resolution adopted by the faculty during President Potter's absence, gave evidence of sufficient cause why Hobart should look back upon the past ten years with satisfaction, and forward to the coming ten years with confidence.

At the close of President Potter's remarks, President Stirling, of Kenyon College, Gambier, O., was introduced as an alumnus of Hobart.

President Stirling spoke upon the problems which faced the Church in its educational responsibilities in the great Middle West. So far as the minor schools were concerned, much was accomplishing, but it was rather startling to learn that, out of many attempts to establish collegiate institutions, Kenyon was the sole survival north of the Ohio river, between the Rocky mountains and the great lakes. Instead of educating less than two hundred young

men in this region, the Church, if it were well equipped, should be drawing from one hundred thousand. He was not pleading for Kenyon's survival. That was assured. Indeed, its work, with the exception of the period just preceding the war, was never more prosperous. He was pleading for enlarged facilities to meet enormously expanding opportunities.

President Hastings, of the Union Theological Seminary, followed President Stirling with playful and graceful allusion to his memories of Geneva College, before it took its more churchly name of Hobart. He also put in a timely and effective claim for the splendid services of the small colleges. The Rev. Dr. Greer, when called up in behalf of the Church University Board of Regents, stated that in his opinion, a new era was dawning upon the work of the Church, in that the life of the Church, as a whole, was beginning to make its importance felt as never before. Diocesanism and parochialism had done great things, because of the concentration of efforts within especial centres. But the Church was now beginning to see, as never before, the truth that the whole is greater than any part. In one field, diocesanism had clearly failed—in the field of higher education. The Church had great grace and really great common sense, but another potent factor in effective work it sadly lacked as a whole—great learning. The splendid example of the English Church had been apparently lost upon us. It was, then, to this especial feature that the Church University Board of Regents, coming down out of the region of rather vague sentiment, had concluded to devote itself at the beginning. Dr. Greer maintained also, that the whole nation, not alone the Church, needed the greatest learning. Not very much had been done, and yet, in one sense, much had been gained in offering, as the board had done, perhaps the most valuable scholarships in the country to members of the graduating classes of our theological schools and seminaries.

President Potter closed the interesting speeches of the evening with a hearty commendation of the smaller colleges, and especially of those with definite religious influence. He called attention to the fact that, in his opinion, one of the underlying causes of the prevalent disturbances in almost all of the formerly stable institutions of our social order, is to be found in the nebulous and illusive religious instruction given in large institutions, which rather prided themselves upon their emancipation, as they would term it, from all positive and definite religious instruction. Learning is essential, but more essential is that righteousness which exalts a nation. Such righteousness is founded in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God. The nation which does not in the end base its education of the whole man upon that foundation is inviting its own ruin.

At the close of the proceedings, refreshments were served in adjoining rooms, and President Potter received the guests of the evening. It was felt that this very gathering was, in fact, another evidence of the aroused attention of the Church in regard of its educational work as a whole, as well as a genial and successful tribute to Hobart's past, present and future. More than a thousand communications were received in connection with it.

## ADDITIONAL LETTERS.

From many letters received since the first edition of this pamphlet, this further publication is permitted.

*From the Bishop of Minnesota.*

MY DEAR BROTHER: I owe you an apology for the delay in acknowledging your kind invitation. I have just reached home and since leaving New York the 16th, have been so constantly on the move that my letters have been held here. It would give me great pleasure to be with you in New York the 3d of May, but my diocesan duties make it impossible.

I claim to be a son of Hobart by adoption in the days of dear Bishop DeLancey, and Hobart has always had a warm place in my heart.

I am rejoiced to hear of its present prosperity and trust that it has before it long years of increased usefulness.

With much love,

H. B. WHIPPLE.

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*From the Bishop of Montana, Alumnus of Hobart:*

MY DEAR DR. POTTER: Your letter reaches me in a mining camp, and I have only time to say that I never lose my interest in or affection for my Alma Mater. I am glad to know that she makes progress toward better things. What she needs is one or two millions of dollars for proper endowments to enable her to get the best of everything. I devoutly wish she may get it, and just as devoutly do I wish I had it to send her.

Faithfully yours, L. R. BREWER.

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*From the Missionary Bishop of the Platte, Alumnus of Hobart:*

MY DEAR DR. POTTER: Your kind note in regard to the anniversary of the College and your tenth anniversary as president is just received. I heartily congratulate you and the College on the prosperous state of affairs. If all goes well I hope to enter my oldest son there a year from next summer. I extremely regret that previous engagements in my work here will prevent my attendance.

Sincerely yours,

ANSON R. GRAVES.

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*From the Bishop of Central Pennsylvania.*

REV. AND DEAR PRESIDENT: The invitation of "the President and Trustees of Hobart College," which you have personally indorsed with a special expression of desire for my presence, I duly received and have carefully considered. My earnest desire to participate in the enjoyments of the

occasion has been one of the occasions of my delay in responding to your courtesy. I have been unwilling to cut myself off from so delightful an opportunity. But I must decline. I have not the physical strength which such an effort would demand. I note with much interest the advances which your College is making under your presidency in whatever can contribute to its usefulness and dignity. I heartily wish it all the prosperity which it so well deserves.

The effort in which you are so efficient an agent to affiliate the colleges of the country, and to uplift them in their associate character to the work and distinction which belong to universities is worthy of generous approval and support.

Provision for the creation and endowment of fellowships whereby bright and studious young men may be enabled to proceed to walks of higher learning than is contemplated in the ordinary college curriculum, which I believe is engaging your attention, ought to command universal interest in the Church. I shall not live to see the generation of American scholars who in all the walks of Literature will have attained their ability to produce original contributions through the help which your endeavors are likely to provide.

I bless God that I am permitted to note the presage of such a period, and I pray for your full success.

Faithfully and respectfully yours,  
M. A. DEWOLFE HOWE.

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*From the Bishop of California.*

If we are remote, still our interest is nevertheless real, especially when the events concern the educational work of our teaching Church. I beg to express my regret that I cannot accept the invitation for the evening of May 3d, and to congratulate Hobart College on its threescore years and ten, and its president, as well as the college, on his ten.

Yours very sincerely,

WILLIAM F. NICHOLS.

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*From the Bishop of Northern California.*

REV. AND DEAR DR: I have just come in from one of my missionary excursions and find on my table your very kind and gracious invitation to the 70th birthday of the college over which you have the honor to preside. Of course it is too late for me to accept—and I fear too late for my acknowledgement to reach you before the natal day—but I will nevertheless venture to send a word of congratulation and best wishes for the future prosperity of the institution which under your watchful eye and skilful hand has been for so many years a credit to the land and above all, an honor to the Church. May your zeal be still further rewarded with abundant success in the prose-

cution of your educational work, and may it be hereafter one of your crowns of rejoicing, that you have administered the affairs of Hobart College to the greater glory of God and the good of His Church and people. Please accept my most cordial felicitations and believe me with high regard,

Yours obedient servant in the Lord,

J. H. S. WINGFIELD.

*From the Bishop of Easton.*

REV. AND DEAR DOCTOR: I thank you for your kind invitation, which has just reached me, and were it in my power would gladly avail myself of the privilege of being with you. It is not, however, in my power; my engagements preclude it. Still I can send you my thanks and express what I suppose every thoughtful man must feel—a deep interest in a movement which is pregnant of untold good for the future of the American Church and state too.

Sincerely and affectionately yours,

WILLIAM F. ADAMS.

*From Bishop Schereschewsky.*

DEAR PRESIDENT POTTER: The most kind invitation of yourself and the Trustees of Hobart College to attend the commemoration of the seventieth year of the foundation of the college and the decade of your administration, is received with thanks. Please accept my congratulations upon your devoted and earnest labors on behalf of the college, and my best wishes for your continued success.

I regret very much that it is out of my power to be present at the important meeting to which I have the honor to be invited. But I may venture to say that the immense importance of the educational work of our beloved Church has been the conviction of a lifetime; and I feel that the more profoundly the greatness of this work is realized by churchmen, the more intense the earnestness with which it is prosecuted, the wider and more far-reaching will be the extension and the influence of our Church in America.

Praying that Hobart College may be an ever increasing power in our Church, and that it may be encouraged by the constantly increasing interest and the liberal gifts and bequests of Churchmen, and that it may be blessed and prospered in all things, Believe me

Yours most sincerely,

S. I. J. SCHERESCHEWSKY.

DIOCESE OF WEST VIRGINIA.

Bishop Peterkin, in his congratulatory letter (see p. 9), refers to his last triennial charge in the course of which he remarks: "The question of what we would do in West Virginia for the education of our youth, under Church

influences is one that has been constantly present to my mind, and has occasioned much anxious thought. Several essays have been made looking to such education for our girls, but so far without permanent success. My more particular attention has recently been directed to a similar effort in behalf of our boys and young men, and there seems to be no insurmountable obstacle in the way of its accomplishment." \* \* \*

"Some may say by way of objection to doing anything in the direction indicated, that it is not the business of the college to teach religion, or to be an ecclesiastical propaganda, that we send our sons to college for an education. But we must not fall into the error of supposing that an education is mental only. The ideal college cannot be considered merely as a place of instruction, a place for filling the mind by means of books and lectures. Mere learning is only intellectual lumber, unless it be shaped and inspired by social and spiritual ideals; or at best, without these it becomes the mere instrument of a money getting, sordid and selfish life."—BISHOP PETERKIN'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to attend a meeting of the Trustees of Hobart College, etc., etc., etc., to be held May 3, 1894, in Hobart Hall, New York.

I am deeply interested in Hobart College and in the Church University movement. To this movement we must look for the needed relief from the existing skeptical tendencies of modern "Higher Education."

I regret, however, most sincerely, my inability to attend. Our academic year closes May 16th and much remains for me to do.

With sincere respect,

J. H. C. BONTÉ,  
University of California.

GENTLEMEN: I beg to tender you my best thanks for your kind invitation to be present at your most interesting meeting on the 3d proximo, and although deeply in sympathy with any movement to promote the interests of Hobart, I regret that living so far off it will be quite impossible for me to attend.

Wishing you every success in your effort to extend "Church Collegiate Education," I have the honor to be, gentlemen,

Yours very faithfully, W. K. BERRY,  
Rector of Hope Church and Ex-Warden of Kemper Hall, Davenport, Ia.

Among other courteous communications from leading educators is that of Chancellor Day, of Syracuse University.

Dr. Henry Coppée, first president and now the acting head of Lehigh University, presented congratulations in person at the reception.

Bishop Neely, alumnus and former chaplain, called at Hobart College to express in person his gratification with the results of the administration and his loyal devotion to his Alma Mater.

The Rev. Dr. Wm. M. Hughes, former chaplain of Hobart College and now in addition to his rectorship, the acting general secretary of the Church University Board of Regents, expressed himself with equal cordiality, attending the reception and greatly furthering its marked success.

The Rev. Dr. VanRensselaer, ex-president of Hobart College, has been similarly heard from, strongly commending also President Potter's use of much of his leisure time and with the coöperation of his students in outlying missionary fields.

From the Dean and Faculty of Union College a congratulatory message was received during the reception and cordially acknowledged; the chairman of the Board of Trustees of Union College and governor of Union University with others, honoring the reception by attendance.

MY DEAR DR. POTTER: The duties of Ascension Day making it impossible for me to attend the Hobart College meeting in New York, I omitted the formality of a negative response to the invitation sent me as Rector of Trinity Parish. But in any record that may appear of that meeting, touching the relation of the College to the Church life in its neighborhood, there should not be omitted some mention of the mutual interchange of good offices between the mother parish of the town and the institution whose home is within its borders. On the one part there is warm interest in the College life, as evinced by frequent gifts to meet academic or personal needs, by the maintenance of a "scholarship" and by the presence of large numbers of its people at every College celebration.

On the other part, there is the appreciated gain arising from the presence in our midst of a body of cultivated people, sharing freely with others their literary and intellectual treasures, and your own always kindly and helpful offices readily extended to meet the emergencies of our parish or of the neighborhood work, and as quickly granted when the call comes from a poor mission station, as from a well-to-do congregation.

We gladly, therefore, avail ourselves of this, as of every opportunity, to express our good will and our good wishes for the College whose presence

here is so greatly to our advantage, and for its President, whose good offices have been ever at our disposal. I am, my dear Dr. Potter,

Very cordially yours,

H. W. NELSON, JR.,  
Trinity Rectory, Geneva, N. Y.

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DEAR SIR: I thank the President and Trustees of Hobart College for their kind invitation to be present at the reception to be given at Hobart Hall in New York on May 3d, but my engagements will be such at the time as to forbid my accepting it.

Please present my congratulations to President Potter and the other officers of the College on the existing prosperity of Hobart.

Sincerely yours,

J. ISHAM BLISS,  
St. Paul's Rectory, Burlington, Vt.

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DEAR PRESIDENT POTTER: With deep regret, I find it impossible to be present at the reception in New York on Ascension Day. But I wish to express my warm congratulations on the vigor and dignity with which Hobart College celebrates its seventieth birthday, and the wisdom and efficiency which have marked the decennium of your administration.

All who have at heart the interests of sound learning and the Church of Christ must recognize the significance of the occasion, and pray that it may tend to a proper appreciation and enlargement of the work which Hobart College is doing for the Church.

Faithfully yours,

WALTON W. BATTERSHALL,  
Rector of St. Peter's Church, Albany, and Trustee of Hobart College.

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DEAR SIR: I acknowledge with high appreciation the receipt of an invitation from the President and Trustees of Hobart College to participate in the reunion of the Faculty and Alumni at Hobart Hall on the 3d of May, prox., and regret that it will not be in my power to respond in person.

With all my heart, however, I wish you, and predict for you, an enthusiastic revival of our Church Educational interests. That the Great Teacher may be your guide in all things pertaining to the glory of His kingdom, I am,

Very truly yours,

HORACE CLARK,  
Church of the Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi, Texas.

DEAR SIR: I beg to acknowledge with pleasure the receipt of your kind invitation to the reception of May 3d, but am regretfully obliged to forego participation in the interesting features of that occasion. I beg to assure you, however, of my most cordial sympathy with the objects and aims to be accentuated by this gathering, and would offer my congratulations to both Hobart College and President Potter on the happy completion of the periods commemorated by the date selected for the reception.

Very cordially,

EDWARD HENRY ECKEL,  
Trinity Church, West Pittston, Pa.

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I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of invitation, etc., and beg to say that being of infirm health for some years I would not feel able to attend the very interesting gathering to which I have received invitation.

I am glad to see that Hobart College is taking an honorable place among our Church Colleges, and feel the more pleasure therein because my beloved father, the late Rev. Wm. W. Bostwick, was one of the earliest students in Geneva, now Hobart College. Accept my very best wishes for the college.

Yours truly,

JOHN L. BOSTWICK, Rector,  
Fair Haven, Conn.

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DEAR SIR: I have just spent a most delightful fortnight in this "fair land of flowers," with two Hobart men, Rev. C. H. Hibbard and A. C. Moore; and this experience adds to the regret that I cannot meet the rest of the alumni on the 3d of May, but the distance and the duties in my parish render it impossible. I am deeply interested in "Church Collegiate Education," and I thank you for the invitation.

Hoping that much good may come of the meeting, I am,

Yours truly,

WM. WILSON DE HART,  
St. Andrew's Church, Tampa, Florida.

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GENTLEMEN: I desire to express with my regrets my keen appreciation of your kind invitation to meet you and your distinguished guests at Hobart Hall, May 3d, 1894.

As a resident of Geneva with intimate relations—through five sons—with Hobart College, I must offer my congratulation on the established condition of the college at this time. The authorities under the administration of President Hinsdale renovated Geneva and Trinity Halls, since which time improvements in many respects have followed, culminating in even more than is set forth in the complimentary resolutions of Hobart's Faculty embodied in the circular received. The resolutions of the Faculty will give great

pleasure to Hobart's friends. Coupled with the established reputation of Hobart's Alumni, the high state of discipline of the undergraduates and Hobart's President at the head of the university movement assures distinguished success for the college. Very respectfully yours,

R. JOHNSTON,  
Ex-Commandant De Veaux College.

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MY DEAR DR. POTTER: The invitation to the reception to be held here next week has been received. I am very sorry that on account of an important engagement that evening I will not be able to be present. \* \* \*

I am always very much interested in my Alma Mater and hope that the time may come when I may manifest my interest in some material way. I realize what Hobart has done for me and feel that it filled my particular needs better than any other college could have done. Trusting that I may see you at the Seminary next week, I am,

Very sincerely, G. R. BRUSH,  
General Theological Seminary.

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GENTLEMEN: I am gratefully obliged by your invitation to meet representatives of your Faculty and Alumni in Hobart Hall, in the city of New York on the third of next month; but I regret to say that I cannot be present with you, at what I am sure will prove a most interesting and instructive meeting. The purposes for which the meeting is to be convened, and whatever may promote the best interests of the Church University Board of Regents will always commend my most cordial sympathy.

Very sincerely, your friend and obedient servant,

BENJ. STARK,  
New London, Conn.

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DEAR BROTHER: Joseph wept when he *saw* his brethren. I often do so because I *cannot meet* mine, and now especially feel like it, that I cannot accept the noble invitation to meet you all for old "Hobart." I hope you will have shekels by the bushel poured out upon you and that "the *Potters* will have the power to make many a heap of clay, into a Hobart Vessel of honor."

Yours truly,

REV. J. WAINWRIGHT RAY,  
Govt. Land Office Clerk.

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MY DEAR SIR: I am in receipt of an invitation from the President and Trustees of Hobart College for May 3d in New York, and regret very much that important engagements will prevent my accepting same. I earn-

estly wish there was more of Church Collegiate Education than there is, and hope the success your college has obtained may not only continue but largely increase. \* \* \*

Yours truly,

GEO. H. MINCHENER,  
Detroit, Mich.

GENTLEMEN :

I beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the invitation to be present on the evening of May 3d, at Hobart Hall, New York, and to say that I regret exceedingly my inability to accept the invitation. Recalling the early days of your institution as "Geneva College," I am happy to note the marked advance of recent years, and especially since the inauguration of your honored president.

Very respectfully,

G. POMEROY KEESE,  
Cooperstown, N. Y.

MY DEAR DR. POTTER : I regret that your very courteous invitation for yesterday did not reach us in time for us to make proper acknowledgements of its acceptance. We are in the midst of annual examination and cannot leave our posts at this time. It would have been a pleasure to us to meet the distinguished gentlemen, who met in Hobart Hall, and to listen to the addresses.

With sincere appreciation and high esteem, I am, my dear sir,

Yours very truly,  
HENRY M. BOOTH,  
Theological Seminary, Auburn, N. Y.

MY DEAR MR. PRESIDENT : Do let me send you one word of most hearty congratulation, in view of this coming reception May 3, and in thought of all that you have been enabled to do for Hobart College and for the great work of Christian education.

I am not slow to appreciate the trials and difficulties which you have known ; nor can I fail to recognize the large and blessed results. which have been reached under your guidance.

You would hardly know, perhaps, that I was once a *minima pars* in the small force at Hobart where I served as chaplain almost thirty years ago.

How readily I recall those days ; and the men who shared in the patient struggle, and in the quiet waiting ; and many special incidents of the time. It is an instance of *festina lentissime*, while our eager hearts crave quick and visible gains ; and yet educational gains, for the most part, must come slowly.

I send you this briefest note, which merits no recognition, in token of my sincere regard, and in proof of my kindest wishes for all the future of Hobart College and its president.

Faithfully yours,

PELHAM WILLIAMS,  
New York.

MY DEAR DOCTOR POTTER: I regret very much that I could not be present at the reception May 3d, 1894. That you deserved all the good things that were said of you goes without saying. The whole Church is indebted to you for your efforts to promote the cause of Church Education, and I pray God that you may be long spared to carry on the work so nobly begun.

The rectory family join me in affectionate remembrance, and the doors are open to you whenever you may find time to visit Norfolk again. With highest esteem,

Very cordially yours,

BEVERLY D. TUCKER,  
St. Paul's Church, Norfolk, Va.

Similar letters have been received from many friends at the south, especially from Savannah and Charleston.

MY DEAR PRESIDENT POTTER: Your invitation of self and vestry to attend reunion or meeting in Hobart Hall, Diocesan House, N. Y., on May 3d, is received with many thanks for the consideration. It will not be in the power of any of us to attend.

Will you pardon a reference to old times when we were at "Berkeley" together? I have often thought of our long conversation in your room one night on the great political question of the time, and your singular courtesy and absolute fairness in our discussion. But this is, perhaps, long forgotten by you.

I am, very truly, your obedient servant,

W. R. RICHARDSON,  
St Mark's Rectory, San Antonio, Tex.

DEAR PRESIDENT POTTER: . . . It has seemed to me not impossible that Union should be more successful, than in its latest years. It was bad for Union although fortunate for Hobart that you transferred your labors to Geneva; and but for previous engagements, I should like to hear the commendation of your successes on the 3d of May, and thank you for the invitation.

Very sincerely yours,

GEORGE F. DANFORTH,  
Rochester, N. Y.

DEAR PRESIDENT POTTER: . . . I send you hearty congratulations and best wishes (which you know you always have for your success in the future and for the prosperity of Hobart). I believe you have a future before you which nothing in the past has equaled, and if God spares your life and health you will honor still more the great names you bear.

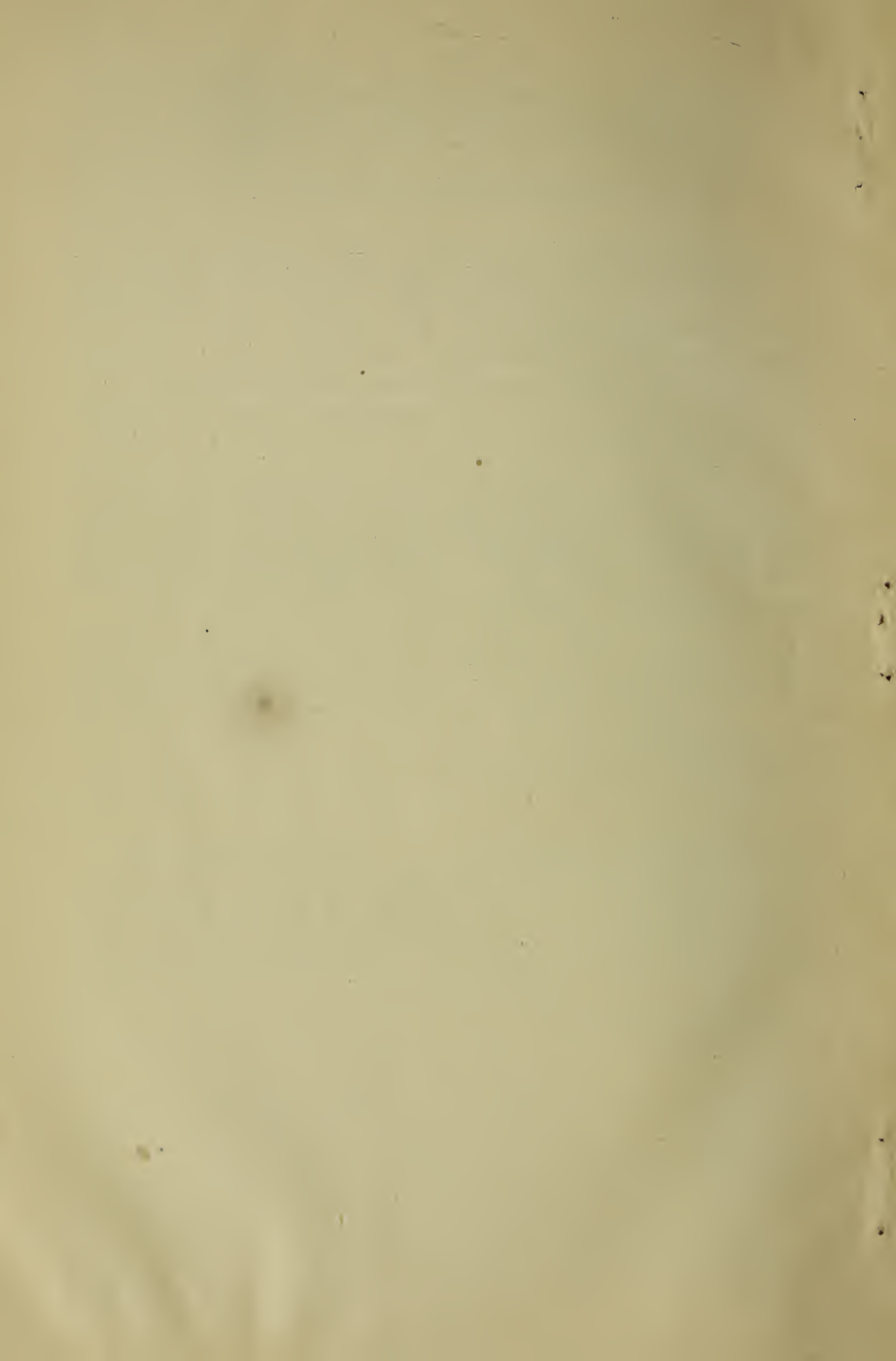
Ever your friend,

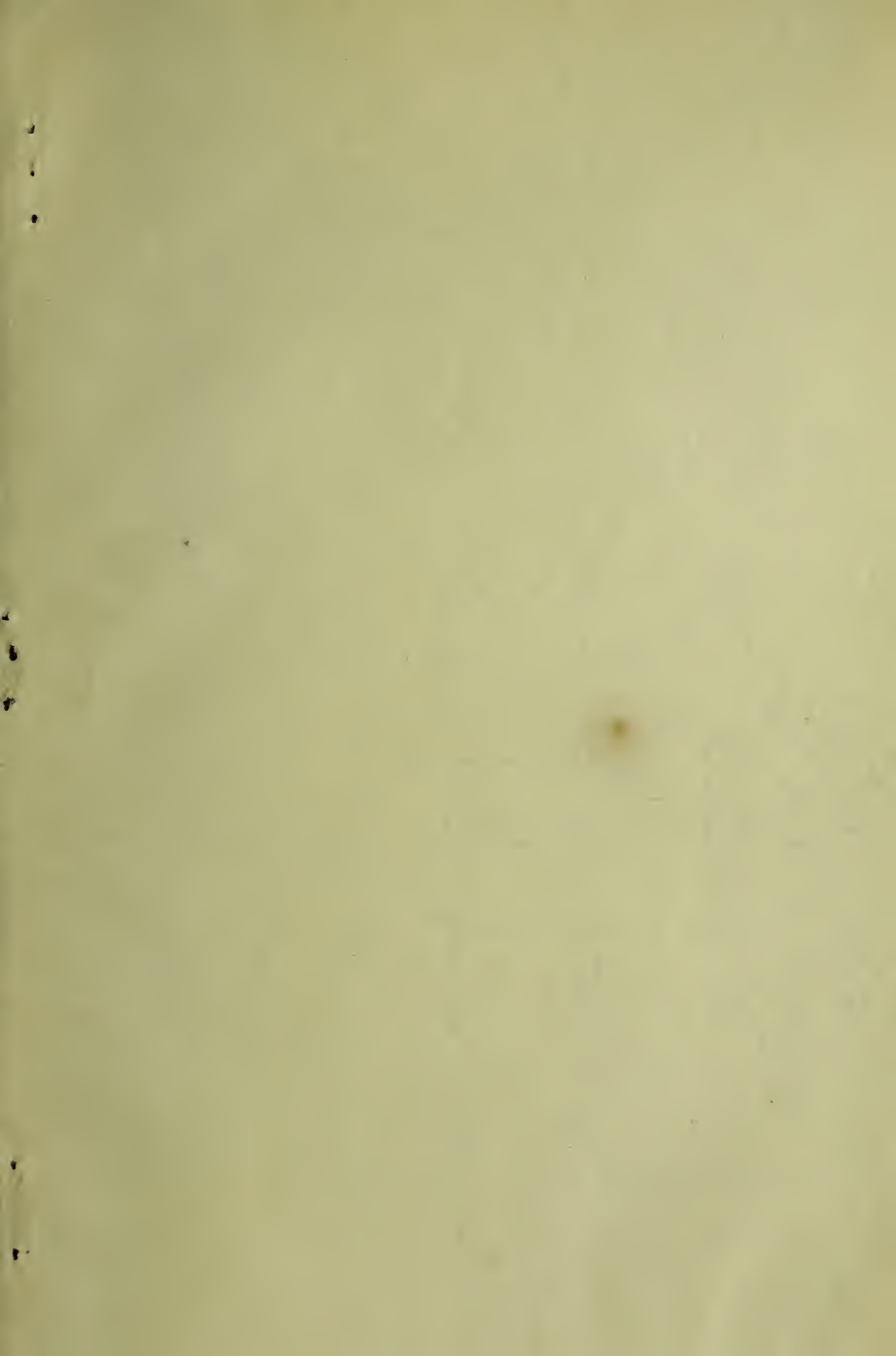
J. LIVINGSTON REESE,  
Registrar of General Convention.

At the close of the evening in Hobart Hall, President Potter led those assembled in the Lord's Prayer and in the

*Thanksgiving for Benefactors.*

BLESSED be Thy Name, O Lord, for the happy memory of the founders and benefactors of this College, and for all who remember it in their labours and their prayers: Raise up, in its behalf, many friends and helpers to enlarge the same; Granting unto them that wisdom through which an house is builded and the understanding by which it is established; that so by knowledge its halls may be filled with all precious and pleasant riches: For the silver and the gold are Thine, O Lord our God, and all things come of Thee: therefore, unto Thee we look for all that we desire; and for all that Thou hast done for us, we praise Thee and bless Thy glorious Name; through Jesus Christ our Strength and our Redeemer. *Amen.*









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